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TAGS: SO, US, ET, MASS, PDEV, MOPS
SUBJ: SOMALI REQUESTS FOR MORE UAE ASSISTANCE: UAE HOPES US
WILL EXERCISE ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 1882 (NOTAL, (B) ABU DHABI 2063

1. IN COURSE OF MY JULY 27 CALL ON MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GHUBBASH, HE TOLD ME THAT PURPOSE OF JULY 21-22 VISIT
OF SOMALI DELEGATION, HEADED BY MEMBER OF SOMALI
POLITBURO, BRIGADIER AHMAD SULAYMAN ABDALLAH, WAS
TO PUT THE ARM AGAIN ON UAE FOR MORE AID. THIS TIME,
BRIGADIER ASGLED UAE TO FINANCE SOMALI ARMS PURCHASES
AND MADE A PITCH FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AS WELL. SOMALI
DELEGATION ALSO ASKED UAE TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OF ONE
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HALF OF \$78 MILLION FOR SUGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SOMALIA
WHICH ZAYID HAD COMMITTED UAE TO FINANCE OVER FOUR YEAR
PERIOD DURING SOMALI SIAD BARRE'S RECENT VISIT (REF A).

2. GHUBBASH SAID UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID HAD IN
GENERAL TERMS AGREED TO HELP BUT THAT UAE OFFICIALLY IN-
TENDED TO TELL SOMALI GOVERNMENT IT WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER

HUMANITARIAN AID ONLY. ZAYID HAS SINCE SENT A PLANELOAD OF UAE DOCTORS TO MOGADISCIO TO TREAT WOUNDED IN RECENT FIGHTING WITH ETHIOPIANS. GHUBBASH FELT IT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE FOR UAE TO EXTEND ITS AID BEYOND ECONOMIC SPHERE. UAE DID NOT WANT TO BE TARNISHED WITH BRUSH OF FRATRICIDE IN HORN OF AFRICA WHICH UAE WOULD RISK IN PAYING FOR SOMALI ARMS. ALL IN ALL, GHUBBASH SAID UAE HAD FOUND LATEST SOMALI PERFORMANCE UNCONVINCING AND NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE. MANY UAE OFFICIALS RESENTED FACT THAT SUCH A DELEGATION SHOULD COME TO ABU DHABI ONLY FOUR WEEKS AFTER SIAD BARRE.

3. I MENTIONED THAT RADIO HAD JUST REPORTED US PREPARED SELL ARMS TO SOMALI BUT I HAD AT THAT TIME RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT HAD BEEN DECIDED. I DID TELL GHUBBASH THAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN LONG SHOPPING LIST BY SOMALIS BUT DOUBTED THAT WE WERE RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST WHICH SEEMED ALL OUT OF REASON. GHUBBASH SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT BE COMING TO UAE LATER ON TO HELP PAY FOR THESE ARMS AND HOPED USG WOULD APPLY VERY SEVERE RESTRAINTS ON ARMS SALES TO ANY OF COUNTRIES IN HORN OF AFRICA.
DICKMAN

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